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Corps Orders by Lieut.-Col. A. Chapman, V.D.

JOINED.

Private J. C. Ferguson joined the Corps on 27.4.16, is allotted Corps No. 1016 and is posted to Stretcher Bearer Section.

TRANSFER.

Private F. Pereira, from Signalling Section to Engineer Company dated 25.4.16.

RESIGNED.

Gr. O. W. Fitcher & permitted to resign, on leaving the Colony, dated 14.4.16.

Pr. A. Remedios is permitted to resign, on medical grounds, dated 26.4.16.

ENGINEER COMPANY.

The following extract from Orders by Chief Engineer, China Command, is published for information:—The undermentioned members of the Engineer Co. H.K.V. Corps are posted to the "Provisional" rule of Engineer pay with effect from the dates stated:—

Sapper Brown W., 13.4.16 and Sapper Blake M. T. H. 29.3.16.

10 P.M. GUN PRACTICE.

The following N.C.O. and men will parade at Headquarters at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, 25th inst. for escort duty:—

Sgt. Frith, Gunners Over, Finch, Duckworth and Longfield. On Sunday, 30th inst. the Artillery Battery, two N.C.O.s and 12 men of Light Section M.G. Co. and twelve members of the Signalling Section will parade on the Cricket Ground at 8.45 a.m. and leave from Blake Pier by launch at 9 a.m. Dress etc. Khaki drill jacket and shorts, puttees, black boots, helmet, belt, haversack and water-bottle (filled). Sandwiches will be provided. The following N.C.O.s and men will parade at 8.45 a.m. for picket duty:—acting Corporal A. J. J. Martin, Bomb. M. Railton, Gunners C. H. Railton, Farmer and Recker.

PROMOCTIONS.

Cpl. M. Manick, No. 1 Sec. Art. Batty., to be acting Sergt. dated 26.4.16.

Br. A. J. J. Martin, No. 1 Sec. Art. Batty., to be acting Corp. dated 26.4.16.

Gr. M. Railton, No. 1 Sec. Art. Batty., to be acting Bomb. dated 26.4.16.

Gr. J. C. Finch, No. 1 Sec. Art. Batty., to be acting Bomb. dated 26.4.16.

SICK LEAVE.

Gr. A. F. Brown, is granted six months sick leave, dated 26.4.16.

PARADES.

Parades for Friday, 28th inst. at 6.30 p.m. Drill at Headquarters, under Co. Sgt. Major Mitchell.

Recruits of Right Section M. G. Co.—Squad drill and Rifle exercises at Headquarters.

Engineer Co.—Squad drill and Musket exercises on Kowloon Cricket Club Ground, under Sergt. Higby.

Parades for Saturday, 29th inst.:—7.00 a.m. Signalling Section, "A" and "B" Classes—Practice at Headquarters.

2.30 p.m. One N.C.O. and 4 gunners of Artillery Battery at Headquarters, as detailed in Corps Order No. 4 dated 27.4.16.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

SECTION PARADE.

At 5.45 p.m. Sharp at Central (C), St. Joseph's College (J) or Water Police Station (W.P.) Uniform, Caps and Covers.

Monday, May 1st.—Sections 9 and 10 at C.

Tuesday, May 2nd.—Section 1 at C; Section 2 at W.P.

Wednesday, May 3rd.—Sections 5 and 6 at C.

Thursday, May 4th.—Sections 7 and 8 at J; Sections 3 and 4 at C.

Friday, May 5th.—Sections 11 and 12 at C.

Company Commanders are ordered to attend and supervise the parades of their respective Sections.

Equipment officers are similarly ordered to attend these and all future Section Parades until satisfied that their men are properly fitted with complete summer uniform.

SECTIONS 13 AND 14.

These Sections will parade at Central Station in Uniform with Helmets as follows:—

Saturday, April 29th.—2.30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 2nd.—5.30 p.m.

Friday, May 5th.—5.30 p.m.

ROUTE MARCH.

All ranks and units will parade at the Queen's Statue, Chater Road, at 5.45 p.m. Sharp on Friday, May 5th. Uniform with Helmets. Sections 11 and 12 will also attend.

UNIFORM REGULATIONS.
Black Boots (not Shoes) must be worn by all P.C.s in uniform. White Boots must be worn by all Sergeants and Senior ranks.

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(Edg.) F. O. JONES.
D.S.P. (Reserve).

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Undersecretary on WEDNESDAY the 3rd May 1916, at 10 AM.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 19th instant to the 3rd May, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Agents,
Hongkong, April 15, 1916.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Canton Insurance Office, Limited, will be held at the Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., 15, Pedder Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd day of May, 1916, at 12.15 o'clock in the afternoon when the following Resolutions will be proposed as Extraordinary Resolutions:

- That the provisions of the Company's Memorandum of Association with respect to its objects be altered so as to read as in the Print signed by the Chairman of this Meeting for the purposes of identification.
- That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following:—

That the following Article shall be substituted for Article 94, namely:—

94. The members of the Committee shall be paid out of the funds of the Company such remuneration as may be or have been determined at any time by any General Meeting of the Company (until such remuneration is altered by any subsequent General Meeting of the Company). Such remuneration shall be payable to the members of the Committee in such proportion as the Committee may determine.

Should the above Resolutions be passed by the required majority they will be submitted for confirmation at a Special Extraordinary Meeting of the Company to be held on a Second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Prints of the Memorandum as proposed to be altered have been circulated to the Shareholders, and a Print thereof can be seen at the Registered Office of the Company.

Dated this 15th day of April 1916.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Agents.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited, will be held at the Head Office of the Company, No. 4, Connaught Road, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 5th day of May, 1916, at 10 AM, when the subject of the Resolution which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the said Company held on the 18th day of April, 1915, will be submitted for consideration as a Special Resolution:—

That the name of the Company be changed to the 'British Traders' Insurance Company, Limited.'

Dated this 18th day of April, 1916.

By Order of the Board,
O. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.

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JOSÉ C. DE ORALDIA,
Consul for Panama.
Hongkong, April 27, 1916.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE

THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING of Members will be held on SATURDAY, the 29th April, 1916, at 12 o'clock Noon, at the Office of the Jockey Club, on the Ground Floor of the Hongkong Club Annex, Chester Road.

By Order,
T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, April 15, 1916.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE DIVIDEND OF \$7.00 and BONUS OF \$2.00 per SHARE declared at the Forty-seventh Meeting of Shareholders held this day will be PAYABLE at the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation on and after FRIDAY the 28th April 1916.

Shareholders are requested to apply to the Office of the Company for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
K. FEMBERTON,
Secretary.
Hongkong, April 27, 1916.

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EARLY MORNING GOLF.

A BALL played on to any portion of the Sand-Track, Grass-Track, or in the Ditch on both sides of the said Tracks must be lifted and dropped in the fairway not closer to the hole, under penalty of one stroke.

This Local Rule applies only to Early Morning Golf, and has been introduced to avoid annoyance to riders and ponies on the track.

Players are requested to keep their caddies off the fairway when ponies are present.

The above Local Rule is applicable to the Par Cup when competed for in the early morning.

By Order of
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Hongkong, April 11, 1916.

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THE RUSSO-JAPANESE ENTENTE

TRANSFER OF EASTERN CHINESE RAILWAY.

HOW JAPAN'S SPHERE OF INFLUENCE WILL BE EXTENDED.

The reference to the reported conclusion of a Russo-Japanese Convention, the *Japan Chronicle* quotes the *Asahi* as stating that the latter paper has been informed from a reliable source that negotiations between Japan and Russia have virtually been concluded for the transfer to Japan of the section of the Eastern Chinese Railway south of the Suigari, and for the better treatment of Japanese residing in Asiatic Russia, who have been complaining of ill-treatment by the Russian authorities.

The *Osaka Journal* has been quoted as stating that it is at present the subject of negotiation between the two countries.

It will be observed, says the *Asahi*, that a portion of the Eastern Chinese Railway is to be ceded to Japan by Russia, not as a gift in evidence of her goodwill but in payment for war supplies sold by Japan. It would seem that Russia has been obliged to have recourse to this measure as the condition of her finances does not allow of the payment of a large amount of cash for the war supplies purchased.

Such being the case, the projected transfer of the Russian railway may be regarded as nothing more than an ordinary business transaction, and no important political significance is attached to it. It should be remembered, however, that it means for Russia something more than the transfer of a railway, as the invisible sphere of influence attached thereto goes with the railway. It is precisely this point to which the Japanese are inclined to attach importance. Whatever may be the cause that has necessitated Russia's parting with her railway, there is no doubt that the whole arrangement is a manifestation of goodwill towards Japan on the part of Russia, and as such Japan will not be slow to acknowledge Russia's friendship.

Frankly speaking, however, continues the *Osaka Journal*, it is rather to be regretted that the transfer to Japan of the whole Harbin-Changchun section of the Eastern Chinese Railway has not been effected since this is what has been desired by the Japanese, particularly so since a *de facto* defensive and offensive alliance is in force between the two countries. If this had been done, the friendship between Russia and Japan would have been made more intimate and the peace of the Far East would have been placed on a stronger foundation.

As it is, about one-half of the Harbin-Changchun railway is to be ceded to Japan, and though this will of course be better than nothing at all, the satisfaction of the Japanese would be greater if the whole line came into Japan's possession.

Originally Russia selected Harbin as a point d'appui for her operations in East Asia, but after the conclusion of the Russo-Japanese war 'Russian' policy underwent a change. Since then Russia has begun to devote her attention towards the building of the Amur railway, and consequently has been inclined to attach less importance to Harbin. For this reason Russia could have no

serious objection if Japan's sphere of influence were extended as far as Harbin. It is desirable, that Russia should abandon all misgivings as to Japan's intentions and completely rely on her good faith. If Russia adopts this attitude, there will be more room for negotiations in the future, similar to those now pending.

There is no doubt that the South Manchuria Railway Company will enjoy direct benefits owing to the proposed transfer of the Russian railway. When the latter is delivered to the company as representing the investment of the Japanese Government, the receipts of the company will greatly increase.

Hitherto loans shipped to Vladivostok from Changchun via Harbin have been carried at a specially reduced freight, but by the proposed transfer the South Manchuria Railway will be released from the existing competition. Politically the cession will also be of much importance, as there is reason to expect that the management of the Kirin-Changchun railway will come into Japanese hands before long, and the placing of Kirin under the influence of Japan will materially assist her work in Manchuria and Mongolia, adds the paper.

GROCERS' SUGAR PROVISION.

170,000 TEA VENDORS HIT HARD BY NEW TRADE CUSTOMS.

The plan adopted by the grocers of paying to sell sugar to customers unless they buy tea is undoubtedly a rough and ready method of limiting the sale, and thereby the consumption of sugar.

But inasmuch as the small purchaser is now forced to buy his weekly supply of groceries at the same shop and get his tea and sugar together, thousands of small dealers and confectioners, who rely on the sale of proprietary tea, cocoa and coffee for a considerable part of their trade, are suffering severely.

A certain well-known brand of tea is sold by something like 170,000 shopkeepers, few of whom can supply their customers with sugar. They are practically out of business as far as the sale of tea is concerned.—London Daily Chronicle.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN'S FORTUNE.

CINEMA COMEDIAN'S SALARY OF £134,000 A YEAR.

The 'Times' New York correspondent wired last month:—

Charlie Chaplin began work at Los Angeles lately for the Mutual Film Corporation. His contract under 'war risks' stipulates that as Chaplin is a British subject, he shall not leave the United States within the life of the contract without the permission of the corporation.

The contract is for one year, and ensures to Chaplin a salary of £134,000. The Mutual Film Corporation has insured Chaplin's life for £20,000.

Charlie Chaplin is a Londoner, having been born in Cumberwell about 30 years ago. He is a member of an old theatrical family, and when a boy was one the 'Eight Lancashire Lads,' a music-hall troupe of acrobats and dancers.

THE RISE IN SHIPPING VALUES.

SOME striking statistics illustrating the extraordinary rise in shipping values during the past year are given in a recent issue of the Liverpool 'Journal of Commerce.'

Among a list of sales this year appear fourteen steamers which fetched 292,800, though in 1915 they were sold for only £207,500. This is an increase of nearly 40 per cent. within less than twelve months.

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WHAT THE WAR COSTS.

£4,000,000,000 DEBT IF IT LASTS
ANOTHER YEAR.

Sir George Paish at a meeting of the
Royal Statistical Society last month
calculated that in the first eight months of
the war the expenditure was £297,000,000
(including £100,000,000 of temporary loan
repaid in July last); in the last 12 months
the cost had been about £1,400,000,000;
and in the coming year, on the basis of
a Vote of Credits of £5,000,000 a day for
war purposes, plus the interest on war
debt, the expenditure may reach no less
than £1,955,000,000.

"Thus in the first 20 months of war,"
he said, "the war expenses will be
just about £2,000,000,000, of which
£330,000,000 will have been raised by
taxation, and £1,702,000,000 by loan. In
the coming financial year on the present
basis of taxation the revenue available
may amount to £330,000,000, which would
leave £1,372,000,000 to be borrowed."

There was a cheering note in Sir George
Paish's reference to the great struggle
which now seems to be approaching its
final stages—"this in citing evidence that
the financial strength of Great Britain
in war has proved to be much greater even
than it was believed to be, and that its
financial strength in peace, great as it
was, did not indicate the full measure of
its war strength."

BRITAIN'S £17,000,000,000.

Desires a pre-war national income of
£2,400,000,000, Sir George reckoned that
the country's accumulated wealth was not
less than £17,000,000,000, and it had been
expended in such a manner that the
British people had been able to maintain
their productive power in war at a very
high level. For the greater part, it
consisted of the machinery of production,
using the term in its broadest sense.

Beyond the wealth built up at home in
this way we had invested £4,000,000,000
overseas before the war. Taking
cognizance of the substantial rise in
wages and profits, he said that, including
the sums paid to soldiers and sailors, the
nation's income since the war began had
risen from about £2,400,000,000 to about
£2,600,000,000 per annum; but this did
not mean a corresponding gain in
production, the advance in the prices of
all commodities having to be remembered.
Great Britain had called in, about
£500,000,000 from abroad, nearly the
whole of this money having been used
to make fresh loans to foreign and
colonial countries. Consequently, "if
allowance were made for the increase in
the country's stock of gold since war
began, it was evident that the nation had
succeeded in meeting nearly the whole
of its war expenditures out of its income,
without having needed to draw upon its
accumulated capital to an extent worth
speaking of."

STRENGTH OF TAXATION.

He would be disappointed if existing
taxation did not realise in the coming
year nearly £150,000,000, though it would
be unwise to be dogmatic. The burden
of indirect taxation was still very light;
not having regard to the incomes of the
income-tax-paying classes, could the
burden of direct taxation be considered
unduly heavy.

Meanwhile the nation's debt was
growing. Before the war, it was
£707,000,000; at the end of March, 1915,
£1,225,000,000; at the end of this March
it would approach £2,400,000,000; and if
the war continued for another year the
total debt would be not far short of
£4,000,000,000.

Lord George Hamilton, who presided,
thought the figure of £3,000,000,000 as
national income hardly reliable; as it
resulted from gigantic expenditure which
had to be met by wholesale borrowing.

PRICE OF AN ARM.

A new poster in red and blue was
posted in London last month appealing
for the investment in War Loan on novel
grounds. It was issued by the National
Organising Committee for War Savings,
and was as follows:

WHAT IS THE PRICE OF ONE OF YOUR ARMS?

Civilian: How did you lose your arm,
my lad?

Soldier: Fighting for you, sir.

Civilian: I'm grateful to you, my lad.

Soldier: How much are you grateful
for?

Civilian: What do you mean?

Soldier: How much money have you
lent your country?

Civilian: What has that to do with it?

Soldier: A lot. How much is one of
your arms worth?

Civilian: I'd pay anything rather than
lose an arm.

Soldier: Very well. Put the price of
your arm or a much as you can afford
into Exchequer Bonds or War Savings
Certificates and lend your money to your
country.

AND YET THEY WANTED HIM!

VARIKOSE VEINS, HAMMER TOES,
CURVED SPINE, AND WEAK HEART.

Although an applicant at Brentford
Tribunal last month was said to be
suffering from "angular curvature of the
spine, a bad heart, varicose veins and
hammer toes, the military representative
opposed exemption. He agreed that the
man was certainly "a poor creature,"
but he could be made use of by the
military authorities, even though he could
never be sent to France.

As the man was contributing to the
support of his aged parents, the Tribunal
granted him four months' exemption.

SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

EDINBURGH, March 13.

SIR JAMES CAIRD.

Sir James Key Caird, Bart., into
manufacture, Dundee, died suddenly at
his residence Belmont Castle, Meigle,
Perthshire, at the age of seventy-nine.
Sir James was born in Dundee, was the
only son of Mr. Edward Caird of Finlary,
Loch Long, Dumfriesshire, and in 1873
married a daughter of Mr. George Gray,
banker, Perth. This lady was a sister of
Lady Millais and died in 1882. There
was one daughter of the marriage,
Beatrice Ada, who died in 1883; she was
a favourite model of Sir John Millais,
the most notable canvas in which
she appeared being the well-known
"Cladderella."

The extensive jute business in Dundee
which Sir James controlled for 40 years
was founded by his father in 1832, and
the Ashton and Craigie jute works have
for long been among the largest and best
equipped in Juteopolis. The works give
employment to about 2000 hands, and
every mechanical device has been
adopted with the view of making
the manufacture of jute as efficient
as possible. He did much for the com-
fort of his workers, and was always con-
sidered a good employer. The first to
start a war bonus in Dundee, his exam-
ple was soon followed by the other
spinners and manufacturers in the City,
and his initiative was the cause of a
substantial increase of output from the
mills and factories.

It was as a public benefactor, how-
ever, that Sir James Caird will be longest
remembered. His chief benefaction in
Dundee was for a City Hall,
which is now being built, and he also
gave the Den of Mains Park, £25,000;
Cancer Hospital, £24,000; Out-Patient
Department at the Royal Infirmary,
£24,000; Sidlaw Sanatorium,
£10,000; and a host of other good
deeds. He was a member of the
Royal Society, the Royal Academy of
Sciences, the Royal Society of Arts,
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THE DIARY.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Noon.—H.K. Jockey Club Meeting.

Jumble Sale in Union Church Hall.

General Memoranda.

SUNDAY, April 30.—
8 a.m.—Excursion to Macao by s.s. "Talisman".MONDAY, May 1.—
10.30 a.m.—Auction of Household Material, Saddlery, Furniture, etc., at Godown 107, Prince Street.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, Sewing Machine, Grand Piano, etc., at No. 5, Hart Avenue, Kowloon.TUESDAY, May 2 & WEDNESDAY, 3.—
10 a.m.—Auction of Coal Lighters, Steamer Launch, Steamer Cutter, Stores, etc., at H.M. Naval Yard, H.K., and Kowloon Depot.WEDNESDAY, May 3.—
Noon.—Entries close for Dog and Cat Show on 13th inst.
Noon.—Canton Insect Co's Meetings.THURSDAY, May 4.—
2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture at "Craigmartin East," No. 160, The Peak.FRIDAY, May 5.—
Noon.—China Traders' Insect Co's Extraordinary Meeting.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A Jumble Sale is to be held to-morrow in the Union Church Hall, in aid of Quarries Home, Glasgow.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending 15th April, 1916, amounted to 63,548 tons and the sales during the period to 71,880 tons.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Allied Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks a donation of \$25 to the funds of the Hospitals from the Tai Shing Paper Manufacturing Co.

Members of the Hongkong Jockey Club are reminded of the half-yearly meeting called for to-morrow at 12 Noon, in the Offices of the Club, on the ground floor of the Hongkong Club Annex, Chater Road.

The annual Tennis Match between the Hongkong Cricket Club and the Ladies Recreation Club will take place on the Cricket ground to-morrow at 4 p.m., after which the Prizes won at the Tournament will be presented.

A Dog and Cat Show is to be held in the Grand Stand, Race Course, Happy Valley, on 13th proximo, and the attention of intending exhibitors is called to the programme which will be found on page 3. Entries close at noon on Wednesday next, May 3rd.

The Union Church, Guild will celebrate the Tercentenary of the death of William Shakespeare on Wednesday 3rd May. A biographical sketch of the poet's life will be read and selections from his plays will be rendered. The meeting, which begins at 9 p.m., is open to all.

AYER PANAS RUBBER.

DIVIDEND OF 35 PER CENT. FOR THE YEAR.

The directors of the Ayer Panas Rubber Estate Ltd., in their sixth yearly report to the shareholders state:—
The directors have pleasure in submitting their report and statement of accounts for the year ended January 31, 1916, being the sixth year of the company's operations.

The profit for the year is \$207,504.50, to which has been added the balance carried forward from last account, viz. \$9,125.54, making a total disposal balance of \$216,630.04. From this \$114,100.00 has been deducted the interim dividend of 3 1/2 per cent. and 10 per cent. paid on September 4 and December 21, respectively, viz. \$112,500.00.

Leaving a Balance of \$104,130.04 which your directors recommend be dealt with as follows:—
To pay a final dividend of 20 per cent. (making 35 per cent. for the year) \$104,130.04
To pay directors' fees 14,800.02
To pay bonus to staff 3,011.25
To pay Malacca War Relief Fund 1,000.00
Balance to be carried forward 24,622.33 \$104,130.04

GREAT BRITAIN'S TOBACCO BILL.

HUGE INCREASE IN SPIKE OF HIGHER DUTY.

In spite of the heavy increase of the duty on tobacco, the consumption last year exceeded that of 1914 by 4,047,481 lb. This is the chief feature of the national tobacco bill, an advance copy of which we have received from the British Anti-Narcotic League. The bill has been compiled by Mr. R. P. Moncreiff, of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The total consumption in 1915 was 116,580,701 lb., and the expenditure was \$28,000,000, against 110,985,210 lb. and \$23,000,000 in 1914, the respective increases being 5,595,491 lb. and \$5,000,000. Mr. Moncreiff points out that these figures do not include the tobacco supplied "duty free" to the trenches and wounded men in the military hospitals.

The expenditure per family (4 persons) last year was 27 lbs. 10 oz. against 22 1/2 lb. in the preceding year, and the consumption per family (in spite of the huge decrease of men through military and naval demands) showed an increase in 1915 of 10 per cent.

THE FRUIT SEASON.

POWELL's complaint is sure to be proved to last during the fruit season. To keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy on hand. It may save a life. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

(Wah. Tse Yat Po's Service.)

CIVIL EXAMINATIONS.

PEKING, April 26.
The civil official examinations have been postponed for two months.

LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT TO BE RESTORED.

PEKING, April 26.
The Administrative Headquarters has suggested the organising of a Parliament, a re-organisation of district jurisdictions and the introduction of local self-government.

THE LOST TRANSPORT.

SHANGHAI, April 26.
The "China" Merchants' steamer *Trene*, after landing troops at Poochow, returned to Shanghai to-day and brought confirmation of the loss of the transport *Huayu*. The second engineer of the *Huayu* is among the survivors. Three thousand troops have arrived at Poochow.

THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

PEKING, April 27.
The Southern Provinces have been notified by telegram that the Peace Negotiations will take place at Nanking.

THE CONTROL OF THE ARMY.

PEKING, April 27.
A mandate will shortly be issued transferring military control to the Cabinet, and convoking the National Assembly.

ANOTHER BOMB SENSATION AT SHANGHAI.

SHANGHAI, April 28.
Last night a bomb was thrown and exploded on the premises of the China Merchants' Steamship Co. No serious damage was done, except that a watchman and a person passing by at the time were injured. No arrests have yet been made.

THE SALT GABELLE.

PEKING, April 27.
Cheung Wo has been appointed Chief Inspector of the Salt Gabelle.

DEATH OF SHENG KUNG PO.

PEKING, April 27.
Sheng Kung Po died this forenoon. (Sheng Kung Po was a native of Kiangsu, and has been a well-known man in the public life of China for the past thirty years. He was one of the largest shareholders in the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Co. and the Hanyang Ironworks. While President of the Board of Communications in 1911 he negotiated the Hukang Railway Loan, involving the nationalisation of the trunk lines of the Chinese railway system. This policy aroused fierce opposition, resulted in a serious revolt at Soochow, and contributed in a large measure to the outbreak of the revolution in Hupoh. He was dismissed with disgrace and escorted to Tientsin by representatives of the British, French, German, and American Legations. Thence he escaped to Tsingtau, and after a short stay there he took up his residence in Japan until 1914, when he came into prominence again in connection with the Japanese Loan to the Hanyang Ironworks, which was negotiated through him. He will also be remembered in connection with the last revision of the Treaties.)

BANK PARTNERS SENTENCED.

BUSINESS WHICH HAD BEEN INSOLVENT SINCE 1890.

After lasting ten days, the two partners in the Naval Bank, Plymouth, Massachusetts, were last month found guilty of conspiring to defraud customers of the bank. The jury considered their verdict for two hours and 40 minutes and recommended the judge to take a lenient view of the case. Mr. Justice Avery sentenced the defendant to six months imprisonment in the second division.

SERVES THE WHOLE FAMILY.

THE name of Chamberlain's Colic Remedy is world wide. It is good for the deep seated cramp of the adult, the group and whooping cough of the children, the same bottle serves the whole family.

WAR CHARITIES.

SUBSCRIPTION LIST NO. 2.

Mr. D. Walker	3.38
Mrs. Phelps Bandage Class	89.93
Elsie Derby Sweep	200
Mr. A. H. Skelton	500
Mr. Duncan Clark	500
Mr. David Wood	50
Mr. W. J. Trencher	50
Mr. & Mrs. W. G. Humphreys	250
Mrs. A. Clark	10
Mr. and Mrs. G. Fiercy	100
Mr. H. P. White	400
Mr. W. H. Ball	50
Mr. R. E. Atwell	50
Dr. O. Marriott	250
Dr. G. M. Harton	250
Mr. G. D. Fitzpatrick	30
Mr. S. Wyatt-Smith	30
Mr. L. D. McNeill	5
Mr. R. S. Lough Teissier	30
M. H.	20
Realised by the production of the play "The Marriage of Kitty"	370
D. A. B.	20
Charles "Punch"	15
H. K. V. R. 533	1.06
Mr. L. N. Leefe	50
Mr. Van Sui Ngam	3
Mr. E. S. Singh	3
Leung Sai Sang	2
Kam Kidi Tsang	3
Yuen Lai Sang	1
Chan Tu Fong	1
Tsun Tak Chin	1
Anonymous	200
A. J. S.	5
Anonymous	1
Mrs. Kennedy	1
Mrs. Richardson	1
Mrs. McCulloch	2
Mr. R. Bridger	2
Mr. S. Sams	2
A "Chiyo" Survivor	10
Mr. A. E. Davey	50
Mr. O. F. Lattin	25
Mr. V. Uddall	100
Mr. A. Nichol	10
C. F. Crowell	10
Mr. J. Kennedy	10
Mr. M. W. Fraser	25
Mr. M. Gilmore	5
Mr. H. Fenn	5
Mr. H. S. Markham	5
Mr. K. G. Backlund	3
Mr. W. J. Martin	15
S. D. N.	5
H. Hyatt	5
Mr. G. E. Breen	5
Mr. Henry P. Allgood	5
Mr. W. A. C. Walpizer	3
Mr. P. R. Harrison	5
Mr. E. Aloek	5
Mr. E. J. S. Johnston	5
Mr. E. T. Craig	5
Mr. E. C. Tregillan	20
O. D. G.	3
Mr. J. McGregor	3
Mr. A. F. Churchhill	3
Hongkong Gymkhana Club	165.12
Anon	5
H. E. Sir F. H. May, K.C.M.G.	2,000
Mr. R. E. Lindell	10
Mr. W. Schofield	10
Mr. E. W. Hamilton	10
Mr. J. T. McKay	5
Mr. A. F. Purden	5
Messrs. Moxon and Taylor	100
Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co. Ltd. (monthly subscription)	49
Ojagar Singh (monthly subscription)	5
Mr. J. McGregor (monthly subscription)	3
Monthly subscriptions	86,270.59
Already acknowledged	1,893.50
	\$8,164.09
	46,250.56

The following cheques have been received from H. E. Sir F. H. May, K.C.M.G., and forwarded to the respective funds:—

Royal Patriotic Fund	£100
Officers Families Fund	50
Out of the above amount of \$8,164.09, the following amounts have been specially earmarked:—	
For the Officers Wives and Families Fund	\$10
Tobacco Fund	113
Red Cross Fund	3.38
Belgian Relief Fund	110
Sailors and Soldiers Wives and Orphans Fund	10
Clothing Fund	50

A further list will be published shortly.

N. J. STABB,
Hon. Treasurer.
War Charities Fund.
Hongkong, April 27.

THE COST OF PAPER.

Some interesting figures as to the increased cost of paper were given by the President of the Leeds Grocers' Association recently, when speaking of the serious shortage of paper. "Cap" paper for wrapping, for which the charge was formerly 11s. now costs 23s.; parchment costs 40s. as against 20s. formerly; ordinary sugar bags 24s. per cwt. instead of 13s. to 17s. per cwt.; while confectionery "cap" paper had exactly doubled in price, being 2s. 3d. instead of 1s. 2d. per ream. Flour bags cost 42s. as against 27s. or 28s.

SPORTING.

TENNIS.

PROFESSIONAL PAIRS FINAL.

The final of the Professional Pairs was decided last evening when Lieut. Col. Crisp and Lieut. Hamilton defeated Green and Claxton by three straight sets. The game was very well contested and the winning pair won by a better understanding of each other's play. Crisp's service was an advantage and his volleys were strong. Hamilton on the back line did some notable work. The score in favour of the winners was 6-3 and 6-4.

THE DASH TO BAGDAD.

A TRIUMPH OF STRATEGY.

The Rev. Canon Parfit, M.A., in a contribution to the columns of the *London Daily Chronicle* says:—
If British strategy were obvious to our enemies, and would not be strategy at all, in my constant travels about England I meet with numbers of people who speak of the military blunder we made in pushing forward to Bagdad before we were ready to advance. I do not agree with them, for although I know nothing of military tactics, yet I do know something of Mesopotamia and the Eastern theatre of the war, and my own conviction is that the dash towards Bagdad has proved to be the most triumphant piece of strategy that we have witnessed since the outbreak of the war.

It is the Englishman's peculiar prerogative to grumble at everything and I suppose it is the Englishman's climate that predisposes him to become an expert growler, for since I was the sunny shores of Syria I find myself constantly grumbling at the weather. Here, however, we have a "bright glimmer of sunlight from the golden skies of the East" which should cheer our sighs, and make even an Englishman chuckle.

THE KETTLEDUM'S SECRET.

I have just returned from a visit to a friend whose son is an officer now shut up in Kut-el-Amara. Before the battle of Kut-el-Amara he sent home a broken Turkish inscription upon a captured Russian machine gun. I have been struck by my conviction that the Kurds, who ought to have been resisting the Russians in the North had been hurried down to Bagdad to check the advance of Mesopotamia. My friend was greatly cheered when I translated the inscription, when I pointed out on the map the town from whence the kettle-drum came, and explained that he need never regret the investment of Kut. In point of fact, it turns out to be one of the successful proofs we have had of the successful co-operation of the Allied armies, for the Russian machine gun was attracted to Cheshibon by the bait of a small British army, the Russians behind their backs were scaling the snow-clad mountains of Armenia, and sprang a surprise upon the depleted forces of the strongest stronghold of Asiatic Turkey. Erzurum, as everyone knows who has lived in Mesopotamia, was the well-fortified capital of Armenia, whence the Armenians were enabled to terrorise over the iron. The assertion that it was unfortunate that it was captured is either a huge Turkish joke, or it is to be accounted for by the supposition that its armaments were needed for the defence of Bagdad.

The capture of Kermanshah is another event of real importance, and a further sign of successful co-operation between the British and Russian forces in Turkish Arabia and Persia. And when the Kurds are seen to be successfully taken there will be left in the Russian forces a comparatively level plain of about seventy miles to the gates of Bagdad.

A PARENT'S DUTY.

YOUR boy is always getting scratched or cut or bruised. Because these wounds have healed all right is no sign that you are doing your duty. You can get nothing better, and blood poisoning is dangerous. It is a disease that is spread by the scarcity of shipping.

THE PINK SHIPPING NOTE.

MERCHANTS AND NEW CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

There seems to be little inclination among London merchants to criticise the new heavy charges to be imposed on goods not removed from docks and quays, says *The Times* to hand by the last mail, but certain features of what is known as the "Pink Shipping Note" are not unanimously approved. But authorities have been instructed by the Transit Executive Committee not to deal, after March 30, with goods for export unless they have previously received this note on which, for the benefit of the Customs, very full particulars are to be supplied.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER RESERVES.

Major Wakeman, Commanding H.K.V.R.

LEAVE.

On duty till the morning of Friday, the 6th May: H.K.V.C.

Next for duty: A Co. H.K.V.C.

Orderly Officer: Lieut. Thornhill.

PARADES FOR THE WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, THE 6TH MAY.

Monday, 1st May.—

Drill instructor Serg. Osberry at 5.15 p.m. Dress: drill order.

Machine Gun Section at Wellington Barracks under Lieut. Thornhill at 5.30 p.m. Dress: drill order.

Mounted Section on the Polo Ground at 5.30 p.m. under Serg. G. C. Moxon. Uniform to be worn.

N.C.O.'s class of instruction on the Cricket Ground at 6 p.m. Dress: clean fatigue.

Tuesday, 2nd May.—

A Co. on the road outside the Law Courts at 5.15 p.m. Dress: drill order.

Wednesday, 3rd May.—

Recruits on the Cricket Ground under drill instructor Serg. Osberry at 5.15 p.m. Dress: drill order.

Signalling Section at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. Uniform to be worn.

N.C.O.'s class of instruction on the Cricket Ground at 6 p.m. Dress: clean fatigue.

Thursday, 4th May.—

Recruits on the Cricket Ground under drill instructor Serg. Osberry at 5.15 p.m. Dress: drill order.

Machine Gun Section at Wellington Barracks under Lieut. Thornhill at 5.30 p.m. Dress: drill order.

Mounted Section on the Polo Ground at 5.30 p.m. under Serg. G. C. Moxon. Uniform to be worn.

Friday, 5th May.—

B Co. Kowloon Dock and Taikeo Sections on the Polo Ground at 5.30 p.m. Remainder on the road outside the Law Courts at 5.15 p.m. Dress: drill order.

Signalling Section at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. Uniform to be worn.

Saturday, 6th May.—NIL.

SIGNALING SECTION—FIELD EXERCISES.

The Signalling Section will parade for field exercises on Sunday, the 9th April, on the Cricket Ground at 8.30 a.m.

Kowloon residents will fall in at Old Kowloon City Pier at 9.15 a.m. Dress: uniform; topees to be worn. Morse flag and message forms to be carried. Field glasses will be carried.

REVISION.

Lieut. H. A. Hinde and Lieut. C. P. P. Thurstall revert to the ranks at their own request.

Pte. K. R. Macaskill is temporarily appointed Lance-Sergeant during his absence on leave.

DEATH.

On and after Monday, the 1st May, topees will be worn throughout the day and on all parades until further notice.

GENERAL SMUTS DECLINED HIS ARMY PAY.

Replying to Sir C. Hunter in the House of Commons last month, Mr. Bonar Law said the Government would, of course, have been delighted to assign to General Smuts the pay of his rank in the British Army, but he decided not to draw pay from Imperial funds.

He continued to receive the emoluments of his office as one of the Ministers for the Union of South Africa (Olaire).

THE WAR.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE IRISH SITUATION.

THE STORY OF THE BLOCKADE-RUNNER.

CREW BLOW UP THE SHIP.

LONDON, April 26.

Lord Lansdowne announced in the House of Lords, that the German vessel which attempted to land arms on the west of Ireland was disguised as a Dutch trader. The Germans blew her up after she was captured. Sir Roger Casement and two other persons landed on the coast from a submarine in a collapsible boat.

Lord Lansdowne added that there were two German officers, who landed with Sir Roger Casement. Meanwhile the German vessel was stopped by one of our warships and ordered to follow her towards Queenstown. The vessel followed a certain distance and then, hoisting the German flag, sank herself. Owing to rough weather a prize crew could not be put on board the German vessel. The whole entire crew was saved. There were no traces on the seaboard of preparations for the distribution of the material with which the vessel was presumably laden.

Referring to the outbreak at Dublin his Lordship stated that the only specific warning received by the Government came from an external source on the day of the outbreak. While it was believed that the outbreak was destined to prove an ignominious failure, he was not disposed to minimise it. A complete cordon of troops now surrounded the centres of the town on the north side of the river. Fifteen persons had been killed and 26 wounded, while two loyal volunteers had been killed and six wounded. Two policemen had also been killed.

All the information justified the statement that the situation was well in hand.

SIR ROGER CASEMENT IN THE TOWER.

LONDON, April 27.

The Daily Mail states that Sir Roger Casement is now a prisoner in the Tower of London.

HOW HE LEFT KIEL.

The report was circulated from Copenhagen on the 14th inst. that Sir Roger Casement had been arrested in Germany, whereas he boarded on the 14th a German submarine at Kiel, which left in company with a harmless-looking tramp flying the Dutch flag and manned by twenty picked German Naval men.

THE TRAMP'S CARGO.

She carried 20,000 rifles, a machine gun and ammunition hidden beneath goods which her manifest declared to be her sole cargo.

INDICATIONS OF REBEL MOVEMENT SPREADING.

GENERAL MAXWELL GIVEN PLEBANY POWERS.

LONDON, April 27.

Mr. Asquith has informed the House of Commons that the Irish situation still has serious features. There were indications of the movement spreading, especially in the West. Martial law had been proclaimed throughout Ireland. General Maxwell leaves to-night with plenary powers.

IRISH LEADERS DENOUNCE THE REBELS.

Sir Edward Carson (leader of the Irish Unionists) supported Mr. Asquith, and said he would gladly join with Mr. Redmond (the Nationalist Leader) in everything that can be done to denounce and put down these rebels now and for evermore. (Cheers.)

Mr. Redmond, on behalf of the Nationalists and an overwhelming majority of the people of Ireland, expressed detestation and horror at the proceedings of the rebels. (Cheers.)

THE FIGHTING AT KATIA.

BRITISH FALL BACK BEFORE GREATLY SUPERIOR FORCE.

WORCESTER YEOMANRY'S BRAVE BUT UNSUCCESSFUL STAND.

LONDON, April 27.

A supplementary official statement regarding the fighting at Katia (on the Egyptian frontier), which took place on the 23rd inst., states that the Gloucester Hussars and the Warwick and Worcester Yeomanry, who were holding the position at Katia, were attacked by a greatly superior force of Turks, fell back, fighting a rear-guard action.

The Worcesters made a most determined stand, but as their horses were killed they were unable to retire and a number were captured.

According to prisoners taken, the enemy consisted of a thousand Germans and picked Turkish infantry mounted on camels.

The Katia crisis is now clear of the enemy except a force at Berchid.

The Turks paid dearly for the raid. Their losses at Berchid were particularly heavy.

BRITISH SUBMARINE SUNK.

LONDON, April 27.

The Admiralty says it is announced in a German wireless message that a British submarine 32 has been sunk in the North Sea and that two of the crew were saved.

A STRONG AUSTRIAN ATTACK.

REPUISED BY THE ITALIANS.

ROME, April 27.

A communique announces that a strong enemy attack on the trenches at Carso, which the Italians occupied on the 24th inst., was repulsed with the heaviest losses.

RUSSIAN OPERATIONS IN ARMENIA.

PETROGRAD, April 27.

A communique reports that the Russians have repulsed a Turkish attack in the Erzinja district.

THE FRENCH FRONT.

INTENSE BOMBARDMENT IN VERDUN REGION.

PARIS, April 27.

To-day's communique states that there has been an intense bombardment of the Avocourt Redoubt and Poivre Hill.

A small enemy attack at Vaux was promptly defeated.

There were the usual cannonades on the rest of the front.

A French airman felled a German aeroplane in Spincourt Forest.

END OF WAR IN SIGHT.

FRENCH MINISTER AND THE LESSON OF VERDUN.

Under these headlines the Daily Chronicle printed the following on March 26th, from its Paris correspondent:

An interesting passage in the speech of M. Ribot, the Minister of Finance, in the Chamber on Friday night, was generally overlooked by the Press owing to the passing excitement of the refusal to listen further to M. Accambray's attack on the Government. I quote this passage from the text in the "Journal Officiel."

"We are at a decisive hour," said the Minister of Finance. "The whole world is watching what is occurring at this moment before Verdun. There, gentlemen, the fury of the attacks shows what impatience for even an ephemeral success our enemies are feeling at this hour. History will consider this defence as one of the greatest things that has occurred to the honour of our country."

"It is permissible, without boasting, without illusion, and without vain optimism to perceive the end of this horrible war."

The "Gaulois" was the only paper which yesterday noticed this passage, "great with hope," and in printing it in large type, it added: "It is the first allusion made for twenty months to the eventuality of a rapid advance towards peace, the peace, of course, that we want and can impose."

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

ZEPPELIN RAIDS ON ENGLAND.

NO CASUALTIES AND INSIGNIFICANT DAMAGE.

LONDON, April 26.

An official statement says: In last night's raid on England, bombs were dropped on the Thames estuary, with no casualties, while it has been ascertained that a hundred bombs were dropped on the eastern counties on Monday, resulting in only one casualty, and insignificant damage.

LONDON, April 27.

The War Office reports: The Zeppelins reported on the east coast of Kent last evening apparently did not penetrate far inland. Probably they returned owing to the mist. It is reported that one bomb was dropped in the sea.

BELGIAN COAST BOMBARDED BY BRITISH MONITORS.

AMSTERDAM, April 27.

A Berlin communique admits that a strong British force of monitors, destroyers and mine sweepers bombarded the Belgian coast.

THE GERMAN NAVAL RAID ON YARMOUTH AND LOWESTOFT.

DAMAGE "RELATIVELY SLIGHT."

LONDON, April 26.

The War Office announces that the bombardment of Lowestoft and Yarmouth yesterday opened at ten minutes past four in the morning and lasted about half an hour. Despite the heavy German guns, the damage was relatively slight.

A convalescent home, a swimming bath, the pier, and forty dwellings in Lowestoft, were extensively damaged, while two hundred dwellings were slightly damaged.

Besides the four deaths already announced, three other persons were killed, three seriously wounded and nine slightly wounded.

The damage at Yarmouth was one large building burned and another slightly damaged.

EXTRAORDINARY AIR FIGHT.

GUN-AEROPLANES IN ACTION.

PARIS, April 26.

A communique relates an extraordinary exploit by a French gun-aeroplane at three in the morning of Zebruges. A Zeppelin fired on the aeroplane from a height of 4,000 feet. The aeroplane immediately attacked the Zeppelin, firing nineteen incendiary shells. The Zeppelin appears to have been struck. Another gun-aeroplane attacked and hit a German destroyer off Ostend, and a Frenchman also felled a Fokker near Lonneville and captured the pilot.

FRENCH ARTILLERY AND AIRSHIP ACTIVITY.

ATTEMPTED GERMAN ATTACK STOPPED DEAD.

PARIS, April 27.

A communique states: The French artillery have been most active to-day against enemy organisations in Champagne and Argonne. There has been a violent bombardment at Avocourt, Hill 304, Eaux, and Montzerville, west of the Meuse, and moderate artillery activity east of the Meuse.

An attempted German attack north of Senones, in Lorraine, was stopped dead by artillery.

The German losses at the Chapelle salient were 1,000.

A German aeroplane landed in the French lines in the region of Oise and both airmen were captured. An enemy aeroplane was shelled and fell in flames in Argonne. French air squadrons were most active on Tuesday night in the regions of Verdun and Roye, dropping 135 bombs on enemy parks, bivouacs, railway stations and munition depots. A German airship dropped a dozen bombs in the Etaples region, slightly wounding two British soldiers.

BRITISH ACTIVITY.

FIGHTING IN THE AIR.

LONDON, April 27.

A British communique states: Enemy aircraft were less active yesterday. A hostile aeroplane was brought down to-day in our lines as the result of a fight in the air. The pilot and observer were killed.

A hostile airship, at 12.30 in the morning, dropped bombs near the coast behind our lines, but no damage was done. We made two raids last night south of La Bassee Canal, and captured three prisoners in hand-to-hand fighting. The enemy to-day sprang a mine southeast of Souchez and obtained a footing in our trenches but was driven out by a counter-attack.

There has been artillery activity at various points.

A BOMB SENSATION AT ATHENS.

ATHENS, April 27.

Some sensation was caused by a bomb exploding in the court of the Bulgarian Legation. The damage was not important.

THE RECRUITING PROBLEM.

MILITARY SERVICE ACT NOT EXTENDED TO IRELAND.

LONDON, April 25.

Mr. Walter Long will to-morrow introduce the Military Service Bill. The House is now in secret session.

LONDON, April 27.

The Press Bureau announces: At the secret session of Parliament, on Wednesday, Mr. Asquith, replying to Sir Edward Carson, said that the Government's proposal for the extension of the Military Service Act did not apply to Ireland.

Mr. Walter Long said that if the Bill were introduced to apply compulsion to the unattested married men, it would not provide for a month's notice.

Debate followed, many speakers participating.

MARTIAL LAW IN IRELAND.

LONDON, April 25.

Today's "Gazette" contains a proclamation which practically establishes martial law throughout Ireland.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Asquith read a telegram from Lord Wimborne (Viscount of Ireland) stating that the situation is satisfactory. St. Stephen's Green has been occupied. Eleven insurgents were killed. Provincial news is reassuring. The Inspector General of Constabulary reports that at Drogheda the Nationalist Volunteers turned out in arms to assist the Government. (Loud cheers.) Many local people had also offered assistance.

THE CRISIS IN AMERICA.

WARNING AGAINST EXCESSIVE OPTIMISM.

WASHINGTON, April 27.

Officials of the State Department have warned the newspapers against excessive optimism in regard to the submarine crisis, as they fear the German concessions are inadequate.

THE "ARMED MERCHANTMEN" QUESTION.

A general statement has been issued defining the attitude of the United States towards armed merchantmen of the belligerents. It is believed that the reply to the recent German Note sustains their right to defensive armament, but that merchantmen engaging the seas for the purpose of attacking enemy warships are not entitled to the hospitality of neutral ports.

MORE GERMAN INTRIGUE.

WASHINGTON, April 27.

President Wilson has ordered an investigation into the activities of German officers in the Guatemalan revolution and in Mexico.

MR. REDMOND AND IRISH ASPIRATIONS.

"ALL GOES WELL WITH THE OLD LAND."

The following message sent by Mr. Redmond six weeks ago to the "Chicago Daily News" will be read with special interest at the present time:—

I desire to send hearty greetings to the readers of the "Chicago Daily News" on St. Patrick's Day. I want to thank them for the sympathy and support extended to the Irish party and the cause it represents and to assure them that all goes well with the Old Land, and that its prospect for the future was never brighter.

The outbreak of the war created a situation which put to the test the principles of Irish Nationalism and the policy of the Irish party. Our case had always been that we desired, not separation, but genuine union with Great Britain, conditional on Ireland being permitted the right of self-government, of which she was deprived by the Act of Union.

The denial of that right has been the cause of misunderstanding and hatred between the two peoples, and has worked hardly less disastrously for Great Britain than it has for Ireland. When, with the full consent of the majority of the British people, the assent of the Lords and Commons was given to the Home Rule Act, and the sign-manual of the King was attached to it, the Irish people, acting in accordance with their principles and professions, declared, through their elected leaders, that their demand having been met, they were prepared to stand by Great Britain and the great self-governing Dominions of the Empire in defence of the liberties common to them all.

That policy has received the practically unanimous endorsement of the Irish people everywhere. It has united the Irish nation at home as it never was united in its history. All creeds and classes are joined as one in support of the Allies, who stand, not only for the freedom of small nationalities, but for the cause of humanity and civilisation.

Ireland has put three Army Divisions into the field, and she is raising the reserves necessary to fill up the gaps made in their ranks at the front. In Great Britain it is computed that some 150,000 Irishmen at least have enlisted, and altogether it is hardly an exaggeration to say that, taking the Empire as a whole, there are nearly half a million men of Irish birth or blood serving with the Colours.

The Home Rule Act will come into operation at the conclusion of the war, and Ireland will enter upon her new career as a self-governing democracy with the goodwill of the British people and of friends of liberty everywhere.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND WAR.

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Never before has England had more cause to be proud of her Public Schools than she has to-day. It is now more than a year ago since Lord Kitchener announced to the Headmasters' Conference that 10,000 commissions had been granted to members of the Officers' Training Corps. It has produced thousands since. For the first time in its history the O.T.C. has become a corps for the training of officers. There was a time when the public schoolboy joined the O.T.C. either because "it was the thing to do" or because "you had such a ripping time at camp." It is very different now for the O.T.C. takes the first place in the schoolboy's life. A necessity for the corps has become the first article of his creed and the old grumblings at parades, in spite of the numerous extra ones, is a thing of the past.

The war has cast a cloak of reality over the whole thing; consequently, it has ceased to be playing at soldiers and bug-hunting has now become one of the serious things of life and more than a rival of Rugby. Scarcely a boy goes by without a parade and many schools devote a whole, or at least half, a day entirely to O.T.C. The training, too, is exceedingly thorough and the schoolboy officer has had a very good grounding when he joins his battalion. He knows his parade ground drill perfectly for he has been through every phase from private to the officer commanding a company. He is an efficient shot and has more than a superficial knowledge of tactics. In the officers' class he has been taught the theory of attack and defence, and the other necessities of an infantry officer.

The training received by a contingent of the O.T.C. differs very much from that of the old cadet corps days. Now it is assumed that every boy will one day be an officer and he is taught to understand things from the officer's point of view. As soon as he becomes an N.C.O. he is liable to be called out to take charge of a platoon or even the company. In field work he may have sole charge of one force—his officers acting merely as umpires. Everything possible is done to develop his ingenuity and that military cunning which is so necessary for a good officer. The keenness shown by the boys is quite remarkable and the writer can remember one instance of a boy, during a night attack on a cold winter's evening, wading along a stream for a considerable distance in order to pierce the enemy's line. This is only one of numerous instances when a boy will undergo all sorts of discomfort in order to play the game and make himself as efficient as he possibly can.

There are other ways also in which the public schoolboy tries "to do his bit." He is ever ready to put up with his pocket money whatever the particular fund may chance to be and on Saturday evenings the house collections reach amazing totals, whether it is the Public School Hospital or the Blue Cross for wounded horses that he is appealing to. In his holidays, too, he tries to make himself useful either by helping in Red Cross hospitals or by helping in farm, or as railway porters. This is a real sacrifice, for it means the giving up of his games and the joys of the seaside.

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THE TEST OF MANHOOD.

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BANGKOK.
Per *Heila*, at 10 a.m., on Saturday, the 29th April.

SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN Via MOJI, VICTORIA, B.C. (CANADA, UNITED STATES, SOUTH AMERICA & UNITED KINGDOM Via VANCOUVER.)
Per *Montevideo*, Registration at 8.45 a.m. Letters at 10.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 29th April.

STRAITS & INDIA Via CALCUTTA.
Per *Japan*, at noon, on Saturday, the 29th April.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, JAPAN via MOJI, VICTORIA, TACOMA & UNITED KINGDOM Via CANADA.
Per *Mexico Maru*, Registration at noon. Letters at 1 p.m., on Saturday, the 29th April.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.
Per *Yuenyang*, at 2 p.m., on Saturday, the 29th April.

WUHU.
Per *Foochow*, at 2 p.m., on Saturday, the 29th April.

VLADIVOSTOK.
Per *Royal Prince*, at 3 p.m., on Saturday, the 29th April.

WEIHAIWEI & TIENSIN.
Per *Haitan*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 29th April.

SHANGHAI & NORTH CHINA.
Per *Yangtze*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 29th April.

SHANGHAI & NORTH CHINA.
Per *Chenai*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 29th April.

FORT BAYARD.
Per *Sakari*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 29th April.

SWATOW, AMOY & FORMOSA Via TAMSUI.
Per *Maru*, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 30th April.

SWATOW & BANGKOK.
Per *Dryden*, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 30th April.

SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.
Per *Haitan*, at 3 p.m., on Tuesday, the 2nd May.

STRAITS & INDIA Via CALCUTTA.
Per *Onyang*, at 2 p.m., on Tuesday, the 2nd May.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.
Per *Tamung*, at 3 p.m., on Tuesday, the 2nd May.

SHANGHAI & NORTH CHINA.
Per *Amoy*, at 3 p.m., on Tuesday, the 2nd May.

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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 28th at 11.55.—Pressure has increased considerably over Japan, which is now covered by an anticyclone.

It has decreased moderately along the north-east coast of China, and is nearly stationary in southern districts.

Fog may be expected along the east coast of China.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 29th April.

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: E. winds, moderate; generally cloudy, fog in morning.

2.—Formosa Channel: E. or variable winds, moderate.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as No. 1.

EXCHANGE.
Hongkong, April 28, 1916.

Bank Wire 9 1/2
On demand 2 1/2
30 days sight 2 1/2
4 months sight 2 1/2
Creditor, 4 months sight 2 1/2
Documentary, 4 months sight 2 1/2

On Paris—
On demand 306 1/2
Creditor, 4 months sight 317
On Berlin—
On demand 161 1/2
On New York—
On demand 51 1/2
Creditor, 60 days sight 51 1/2
On Bombay—
On demand 161 1/2
On Calcutta—
On demand 161 1/2
On Singapore—
On demand 161 1/2
On Manila—
On demand 161 1/2
On Shanghai—
On demand 161 1/2
On Yokohama—
On demand 161 1/2
Gold Loan, 100 fine (per oz.) 32.50
Silver (per oz.) 33 1/2
Bar Silver in Hongkong 30 1/2 n.p.
Chinese Copper Cash 8 1/2
Chinese Copper Coins 8 1/2
Rate of Native Interest 4 1/2 p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin 13 1/2 dls.
Hongkong Sub. Coin 5 1/2 dls.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

HONGKONG DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

APRIL 28, 1916.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.	Weather.
Hongkong	5 a.	30.28	78	78	SW	4	Cloudy
Amoy	5 a.	30.28	78	78	SW	4	Cloudy
Swatow	5 a.	30.28	78	78	SW	4	Cloudy
Shanghai	5 a.	30.28	78	78	SW	4	Cloudy
Yokohama	5 a.	30.28	78	78	SW	4	Cloudy
Manila	5 a.	30.28	78	78	SW	4	Cloudy
Cebu	5 a.	30.28	78	78	SW	4	Cloudy
Colon	5 a.	30.28	78	78	SW	4	Cloudy
San Francisco	5 a.	30.28	78	78	SW	4	Cloudy
London	5 a.	30.28	78	78	SW	4	Cloudy
Paris	5 a.	30.28	78	78	SW	4	Cloudy
Bombay	5 a.	30.28	78	78	SW	4	Cloudy
Calcutta	5 a.	30.28	78	78	SW	4	Cloudy
Madras	5 a.	30.28	78	78	SW	4	Cloudy
Batavia	5 a.	30.28	78	78	SW	4	Cloudy
Sourabaya	5 a.	30.28	78	78	SW	4	Cloudy
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HONGKONG REGISTER.

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